IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SUWALA ET AL.

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Framework

AMENDMENT D (Accompanying RCE)

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated July 20, 2010, please enter the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amendments, and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested. No new matter is added herein.

Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.